

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- 3W114 MAP # 1

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME Donahue Building (H) C

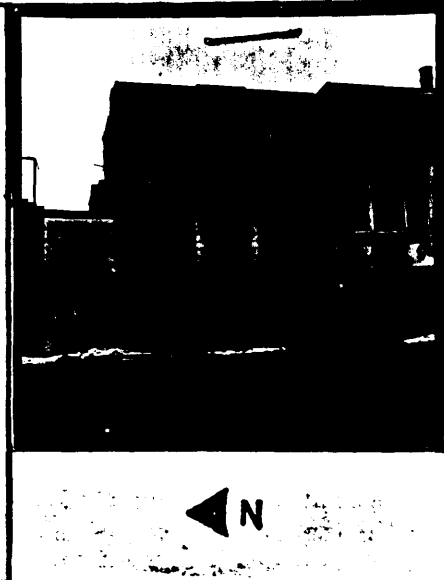
ADDRESS 114 W. 3rd Street

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 1st Add. 45 3 E 31'
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM | 15 7102360 4599400 ACREAGE -1 ZONE C-4
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Mail to: E. L. Carmody
Davenport Bank & Trust Company, Davenport 52801

TITLE H. Thomas J. Walsh
(IF DIFF)



SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM 2 story commercial block on high basement w/shopfront CONST. c. 1896
MATERIALS Brick, stone ARCH STYLE Romanesque Revival
FENESTRATION Round arched
DIST. FEATURES _____
ALTERATIONS Arches filled in to hold rectangular sash
SITE & RELATED STR. Within small commercial row in CBD

ARCHITECTURE

STATEMENT

This Romanesque Revival commercial block is particularly noteworthy for the basement-level shops that are reached by steps down from sidewalk level. This results in the "main" floor being reached by comparable flights of steps up. Only two other buildings recorded in the survey area display this feature - (3-W628, 2-W526) which is also exceedingly uncommon elsewhere in Iowa. The facade, with its large round arches, is well preserved.

SOURCES

DESCRIPTION

This building was probably built in 1896 by James P. Donahue, head of the Davenport Water Company. The company's offices were located here. By 1912 the Water Company sold the structure to Patrick Walsh and it became the offices for the Walsh-Kahl Construction firms. Walsh Construction Company under the direction of Patrick Walsh formed in 1899. Associates and heads of related construction firms included W.J. Purcell, Henry Kahl, J.H. Hass, William Edwards, W. Vander Veer and Thomas J. Walsh.

Walsh Construction was one of the major construction firms in the country from the turn-of-the-century through the 1930's. Projects undertaken included the American Commercial and Savings Bank Building and the Kahl Building (both Davenport); Union Station in Buffalo, New York; Penn Station in South Bend, Indiana; Memorial Bridge in Wilmington, Delaware; Union Depot in Erie, Pennsylvania; and the Metropolitan Water District's series of 300 miles of tunnels to bring water from the Colorado River to southern California. The company eventually moved to New York

SOURCES

See RP-1416

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EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

I. ARCH. EVALUATION Good
II. ENVIR. STATURE Tissue
III. INT. OF CONTEXT Fair
IV. INT. OF FABRIC Good

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 NAT. STATE LOCAL N. ELIG.

HISTORICAL

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:
A. PRIMARY _____
B. SECONDARY _____

II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 NAT. STATE LOCAL

III. NRHP:
ELIGIBLE NOT ELIGIBLE

HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

A. B. C

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1. DATE RECEIVED _____

2. DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P. A. ARCHITECTURAL B. HISTORICAL
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P.

3. NRHP ACTION

A. STATE REVIEW COMM. APP. DISAPP. TABLED DATE _____
B. FEDERAL REVIEW APP. DISAPP. TABLED DATE _____

4. D.H.P. SOURCES DET. OF ELIGIBILITY

COUNTY RESOURCES R. & C. _____
 W'SHIELD SURVEY DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY
 NRHP _____
 GRANT _____

5. SUBJECT TRACES _____

6. PHOTO
1729, 3
S. Elevation